

Visitacion Valley 7th Annual Fair



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TOWERS TAKEN OVER BY HUD

After several years of wrangling, HUD has obtained a court judgement allowing it to take over the management of Geneva Towers. The twin towers have taken years of abuse by a few thoughtless tenants and years of not so benign neglect by the

management. Some of the tenants we have spoken to remarked that "the Towers used to be a very nice place to live...but no more." Indeed, when first built, these buildings which dominate the Visitacion Valley skyline, were intended to

be luxury apartments for families. The units are spacious and have beautiful views.

In recent times, the Towers have fallen into disrepair and have been subjected to vandalism and worse. Many fine people still

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TEACHERS' WEEK

by Gerry L. Galvan

FAYE ANDERSON, one of the classroom teachers at Visitacion Valley Elementary School, 55 Schwerin Street, joined 254 other educators from 175 schools in San Francisco, both public and private, in being honored, a short while ago, by the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), in close collaboration with Mayor Art Agnos' administration and Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan Alioto.

Called "Teachers' Week", the celebration was held at the Louise Davies Symphony Hall, the affair was marked by colorful rites where speeches by a number of City, Schools, Teachers' Union Officials and Business and Civic Leaders extolled the

virtues of educators in the City. One of the speakers was none other than Agnos himself, who related and shared with the audience the story of his running for Mayor.

"It is true," Agnos said as he confirmed the story of SFUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines who had taken the speaker's rostrum earlier in the afternoon, "that I went to and sought the advice of Mr. Cortines on whether or not it was advantageous for me as a parent to run for Mayor of San Francisco."

Agnos was obviously patting the backs of the teachers, especially those with SFUSD, when he said "I had to weigh carefully the difficult options of moving my children - Christopher and



Faye Anderson

Photo by Gerry L. Galvan

Steven - from the Sacramento schools to the San Francisco schools. It turned out that I made the right decision of running for Mayor and eventually enrolling my sons at the San Francisco schools. Christopher and Steven have been beneficiaries of the high quality education provided them by the San Francisco educators who handled their educational needs."

The May 6, 1991 Teachers' Week was the second of its kind since June 1990 when the same group of Officials, Businessmen, Educators, Civic Leaders, etc., bestowed the almost similar type of award and recognition to a number of San Francisco

THE GRADUATES

Congratulations to the graduates of the Peer Leadership Program at Booker T. Washington Community Service Center.

On May 23, 1991, 15 young leaders graduated from this innovative program during a ceremony that drew an audience from all over the City. VVCC staffer, Kim Mitchel was among

those graduating, as well as Lessette Gray, who is also from our neighborhood.

Mistress of ceremonies at the lovely event was Shirletha Holmes-Boxx, Case Manager for the Gang Prevention Program located in the Visitacion Valley-Sunnydale Area. Guests were served a meal of Latin specialties as they listened to Ms. Shelby Williams sing two very beauti-

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Art Festival, Street Fair & Parade

The 7th Annual Visitacion Valley Fair, although overshadowed by the Armed Forces Day Parade, the Bay to Breakers Costume Judging Party and especially the weather, happened as scheduled on Saturday, May 18, 1991. High points of the event were the small, but lively Parade, the lovely Art Show, fine local entertainment and great food.

The festivities began with the Friday evening reception for the winners of the Art Show, which was attended by 70 Artists and their families and friends. A delicious banquet was served, and the winning works of Art were displayed as awards were presented.

On Saturday morning, Parade participants lined up behind the San Francisco Police Department's Mounted Patrol, and proceeded through the Valley toward the site of the Fair. The Al Molina New Orleans Marching Band provided a lively accompaniment to the marchers, which included prize winners from the Sunnydale "Just Say No" Club, the Visitacion Valley Elementary School and the John King Center. The marchers arrived at the Raymond Street site of the Fair around 10:30 AM, where the festivities had already begun.

KPOO Disk Jockey, Mac Richardson presided along with VVCC Board member, Renie Champagne as local talent performed for the fairgoers. Prizes for entertainment were awarded to the Visitacion Valley Elementary School's Performing Arts Workshop (led by Gift Harris); Jamal Bradshaw...the VVES "M.C. Hammer"; the "Satisfactions"; and the Visitacion Valley Elementary School Drill Team. A dance contest was held, and record albums were given away to all dancers.

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CENTERVIEW

CENSUS PROBLEMS
COME HOME

We heard a lot of hue and cry after the census last year about under-counting. It was said that when cities, states and even local non-profit organizations submit proposals for funding, that those who give out funds would look at those census figures and use them to decide whether a neighborhood was in need or not.

I received the first 1990 census figures this week, thanks to Larry Del Carlo, Director of the

Mayor's Office of Community Development. Yes folks, not only is there trouble in "River City", but also in Visitacion Valley!

Current figures say that we have 25,113 persons in the Valley. 7323, or 29% are 18 and under. They say that we are:

White 3947(16%)
African American 6983(28%)
Asian/Pacific Is. 10497(42%)
Native American 61(0.2%)
Other 81(0.3%)
Spanish Origin 3544(14%)

In San Francisco, there are said to be 723,959 persons, and 29,888 acres of land. That means there are an average of 24 persons per acre of land in the City. In Visitacion Valley, there are supposed to be 25,113 persons and 1535 acres of land. That is

only 16 persons per acre. We have much more open space than most neighborhoods.

Here is the problem: We do not believe the census figures are correct. The census says that there are 7323 children (18 and younger) in the Valley. It also says that there are only 480 African-American children here. Here at the Center, our workers have direct service contact with more than 1200 black youth, all from Visitacion Valley. Why are they not counted? The census figures themselves contain contradictions. The report I received, prepared by the San Francisco Department of City Planning says that there are 2,635 Native Americans in San Francisco. It also says that of these, 2,223 are over 18 years old, and 43,483 of them are under 18 years old! (What?) In Visitacion Valley, they say there are 61 Native Americans, with

44 over 18 and 2,691 under 18. (What?) The total of Asian/Pacific Islanders over 18 (162,203) and under 18 (18,704) add up to 180,907, yet the total they show for San Francisco is 205,686. Why don't these numbers match?

Need I go on?

The hope is...at the bottom of the page, it says "The population counts set forth herein are subject to possible correction for undercount or overcount. The United States Department of Commerce is considering whether to correct these counts and will publish corrected counts, if any, not later than July 15, 1991." They'd better!

In case you're interested, the Office of the Census closest to us is in the L.A. area. The telephone number is 1(818)904-6339.

WOMEN'S HEALTH
EXPERT OFFERS TIME
TO COMMUNITY
GROUPS

Dr. Donna Burns Anderson has recently joined the staff of St. Luke's Hospital. An expert in women's health, Dr. Anderson is offering her time to your community organization to discuss health concerns specific to your group, or to just discuss health topics in general.

During her career as a physician, Dr. Anderson has tackled a number of challenges. She began a practice in obstetrics and gynecology for rural women in Mississippi; cared for migrant workers in Porterville, Ca.; and worked with high-risk mothers in Watts.

A graduate of Stanford, Cambridge and George Washington Universities, Dr. Anderson spent a year studying mother-infant relationships with Dr. Jane Goodall at her primate reserve in Tanzania. After completing her internship at the

University of Iowa, and her residency at Stanford Hospital, Dr. Anderson ventured into the public health service area, where she dedicates herself to comprehensive, individualized care for women, as well as the unique social, cultural and political influences that impact women's health issues. Additionally, Dr. Anderson and her husband are the proud parents of a 2 year old son.

If your group is interested in meeting Dr. Anderson, you may reach her through Carol Farron, manager; Community Relations; St Luke's Hospital, 3555 Army St., San Francisco, Ca. 94110; or phone Carol at (415) 641-6659.

HELP FOR
EARTHQUAKE AND
WAR VICTIMS

The Salvation Army is collecting cash and blankets to assist victims of the Costa Rican Earthquake and the Kurdish refugees of the Middle East War. San Francisco residents will remember that the Salvation Army was the single most effective agency helping our earthquake victims in 1989.

Nationwide, the Salvation Army has already collected nearly 100,000 blankets for Kurdish refugee relief, mostly from the Western United States.

The Salvation Army is requesting cash donations as much as possible, because they do not know if transportation for goods will be available. Checks should be made out to the Salvation Army, earmarked for "Costa Rican Relief" or "Kurdish Relief" and mailed to The Salvation Army, P. O. Box 193465, San Francisco, Ca. 94119-3465.

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Delicious food was served to fairgoers by the Visitacion Valley Asian Residents' Association and the Visitacion Valley Community Center. A satisfying assortment of Asian and American food was offered to please the palates of all who attended.

Special thanks goes to Gail Ardrey and Marlene Tran, who organized their respective crews...a job very well done. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers from all over the area who worked hard under difficult circumstances to put on the 7th Annual Visitacion Valley Fair.

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THE BAY AREA'S FIGHT FOR WATER

by Senator Quentin L. Kopp

The San Francisco Bay Area without a clean bay and healthy amounts of fresh water flowing into it is like an opera where no one can hit the high notes or a rodeo without horses.

Without the Bay -- our unique resource for shipping, commerce, industry, tourism, recreation, fish and wildlife, and aesthetics, this would not be the Bay Area. Therefore, I've made consistent attempts the past four years to protect the environmental sanctity of the Bay by requiring the establishment of water quality standards.

The State Water Resources Control Board, (SWRCB) seemingly the state's "watchdog" on water quality issues, argues that it has the authority but no obligation to establish water quality standards for San Francisco Bay. About the only "control" associated with the Water Resources Control Board that I can detect is the control that powerful central and southern California water agencies have exerted on the board. Among its many examples of foot-dragging, the SWRCB refused to set strict limits on the amount of toxic chemicals which could be dumped in the Bay.

California's drought has caused our central and southern neighbors to increase the diversion of water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to the South. Any such diversion from the Delta reduces the amount of fresh water flowing into the Bay, thereby diminishing the water quality because there is less fresh flow to "flush out" pollutants. This places the Bay's marine and wildlife habitats in severe danger.

The mouths of representatives from agricultural and water interests from central and southern California go dry at the prospect of any new requirements for the Water Resources Control Board. They perceive any water quality issue involving the Bay Area as a potential threat to their water supply.

Continually decreasing the fresh water flow to San Francisco Bay, however, will have devastating and wide-ranging effects on the Bay Area. It makes no sense to implement a statewide water policy which ignores such a vital and natural element of California's water system as San Francisco Bay -- the West Coast's largest bay.

To protect the quality of the Bay, I introduced legislation in each

of the last four years to force the SWRCB to establish water quality standards for the Bay and the Delta. Each year, groups opposed to the new legislation such as the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the State Water Contractors, the Association of California Water Agencies and the California Farm Bureau Federation flooded members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources with pressure to vote against the bill. Each year, my legislation was defeated.

I don't give up easily. What is good for San Francisco Bay is good for the Bay Area, so I re-introduced my legislation protecting the Bay again this year. And this time has been the charm -- at least, so far. On May 21st, Senate Bill 69, which I authored to establish water quality standards by requiring the SWRCB to

set minimal freshwater flow requirements for rivers feeding into the Bay, passed the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee on a 6-4 vote. The bill passed because of favorable votes from southern California legislators, Senator Bill Craven of San Diego County and Senators David Roberti (President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate) and Cecil Green of Los Angeles County, as well as legislators from our region, Senators Dan McCorquodale (Santa Clara), Henry Mello (Santa Cruz), and Mike Thompson (Napa). They deserve our thanks.

SB 69 will be heard next in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Since the quality of our region is directly tied to the quality of the Bay, I will persist in working to establish and implement new water standards.

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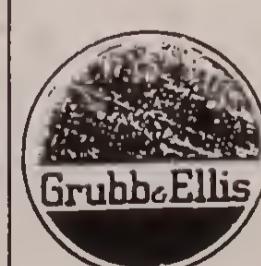
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Little Hollywood Reports

by: Don Bertone

The next general membership meeting of the Little Hollywood Association will be on Tuesday, June 11; 7:00 PM at the Korean Presbyterian Church at 120 Lathrop Avenue. Everyone in VisValley is invited to attend our meetings because the issues we talk about affect us all. Please note that unless an article appears in the GRAPEVINE announcing a meeting, there will be no meeting for that month. Special interests or problems can always be brought up at any meeting. Guest speakers are always invited to attend. This is your forum, so make it work. The only reason that our neighborhood does not get run over with problems like so many others is that we have such a strong group that is heard downtown and gets things done. There is always plenty of free parking right outside the front door. The GRAPEVINE can be found in newspaper boxes and stores around the area or can be subscribed to. This is the ONLY paper that tells what's going on in the neighborhood, so if you don't get it, you miss out. Come to the meetings and make yourself heard or don't complain that nothing gets done, or even worse, something you don't want gets done! Applications for employment (construction and permanent) at the San Francisco Executive Park across the freeway can be turned in at the job bank at every meeting. We have a Voicemail and FAX system to keep you up to date on all the news that affects us. To use it, just call 467-9669 and push to the number on your phone that corresponds to the subject that you want to hear

about. Messages can be left on any subject when you hear the beep. It's up 24 hours a day and can be used by anyone. I am also making this BBS available to anyone or group, free of charge, who wants to leave their free speech message or announcements for general broadcast. Don't hesitate to call... everything is automatic and doesn't bother anyone.

CalTrans will give a presentation on the soundwall that is going up along the freeway from the end of Tocoluma to Blanken Avenue. They don't want to build it up to Lathrop so some of these houses are still going to get freeway noise. A lot of the trees that separate the freeway from our houses are also going to be cut down which means that we now get to look at this blank wall instead of greenery. This is your last chance to let them know how you feel, so get to this meeting, or else!

The City made an error by denying us our appeal on the Hester Street project by counting the signature-to-square footage ratio wrong. Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg is helping us out by trying to get us on the Board of Supervisors' calendar again. It appears that deceased spouses were counted as property owners and some properties weren't even counted. If you signed this petition back in March, and are a widow or widower who owns the house alone now, it is very important that you get ahold of me. This is how we will be able to get some more safeguards for the neighbors. It turns out that there are

quite a few of you out there. The City is going to use this loophole against us every time so we have to clear it up now.

We need to get the "Little Hollywood Parking Stickers" going again because the police are going to be writing tickets for cars that are illegally parked during ballgames. We will be

given "special consideration" if you have one of these window decals. For now, put a note on your windshield! This worked in the past so we'll have to do it again. With the building going on at Executive Park and the loss of state land that is now to be used for parking, things are going to get worse out here.

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS PROGRAM

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- To respond to specific community problems and needs.
- To increase neighborhood involvement in policing activities through special programs, meetings, and the permanent assignment of police officers to neighborhood beats.
- To increase the individual citizen's sense of personal safety.
- To decrease the amount of actual or perceived criminal activity in the neighborhoods.

For more information, please call the Community Police Officers Program (CPOP) for Potrero Police Station, at 255-6297, 24 hours a day. This number is for non-emergency situations that do not require an immediate response. Please leave a message if we are unable to answer your call. We will return your call as soon as possible.

For non-emergencies that require immediate police response, call 553-0123.

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HISTORY OF JUNETEENTH

The date of the abolition of slavery in Texas was fixed by the "Emancipation Proclamation Cases", decided in 1868. By "General Gordon Granger's order of the 19th of June, 1865..." The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free." Judge Lindsay says: "Until [General Granger's order]...traffic in slaves was lawful in the local government...slavery was not abolished on the 1st day of January, 1863." "The [emancipation] proclamation could not proprio vigore liberate the slaves...After the proclamation the slaves who were in the federal lines...and those who...got within the lines afterwards, were ipso facto free, because as mere chattels they thereby became captures in war. As soon as they came under control of the national forces they as persons became...freemen, because such was the declared will of that belligerent power, as expressed in the proclamation issued by the commander-in-chief...by the authorization of congress,...the liberation went on pari passu with the progress of the subjugation." Hall v. Keese and Dougherty v. Cartwright (the Emancipation Proclamation cases), 31 Tex. 504, October 1868. Geo W. Paschal, reporter: "These cases,...in coming ages, will be referred to as a chapter in the history of great events...The secession movement was one avowedly in the interest of slavery. Deeper down...there were motives in the minds of many to establish an absolute...government. But the great masses had been educated up to the belief that the people in the nineteen states where African slavery did not exist were faithless to their obligations to the constitution, and...some time...would manumit all the slaves...The war came...the stone which had been laid as the chief of the corner was dashed to pieces; the fabric fell, and slavery was destroyed...Those who had been the loudest to proclaim their purpose to perish in the defense

of slavery were the first to reach the provost marshal's and the loudest in their responses to the manumission oath. Then they hurried back to contrive some plan to retain the services of those whom they had owned. The negroes stood aghast, not knowing whether most to trust their old masters or their liberators." "In...[one] case...the vendor, in January, 1865, sold...a slave to the vendee. Who...executed a promissory note...In the other case, a slave, at the same time, was hired for a year, and a promissory note was given in consideration of the hire." "all semblance of authority of the United States was withdrawn from Texas, with the mails, in June, 1861, and...this condition...except as to a margin of some counties along the coast, remained, until General Gordon Granger's order of the 19th of June 1865..." The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free.'...Practically...slavery in fact continued undisturbed until General Granger's order. Generally it ceased after that time, though there were exceptional cases until the proclamation of the constitutional amendment." Held: "Until [General Granger's order]...traffic in slaves was lawful in the local government. The owners...were divested by a vis major,...slavery was not abolished on the 1st day of January, 1863," "The [emancipation] proclamation could not proprio vigore liberate the slaves...After the proclamation the slaves who were in the federal lines...and those who...got within those lines afterwards, were ipso facto free, because as mere chattels they thereby became captures in war. As soon as they came under the control of the national forces they as persons became...freemen, because such was the declared will of that belligerent power, as expressed in the proclamation issued by the commander-in-chief...by the authorization of congress...The liberation went on pari passu with the progress of the subjugation" The known...effects of the proclamation are sufficient to pronounce it unparalleled as a war measure...The announcement to the slaves...caused them to desert their masters by thousands, and, by thus depriving the confederacy of their assistance, and transferring it to the Army of the United States, doubly assisted the latter, and...injured the former." "But its effects were not upon the parties apparently most interested only...it was designed to counteract the efforts made by the Confederates

in their attempts to enlist the sympathies and material aid in western European nations, then...equally balanced, or perhaps slightly preponderating to the cause of the rebels, and...it faithfully performed its mission...Two of the first-class nations of Europe had long before abolished slavery...and the autocrat of the Russians had recently followed their example...These nations were estopped...from giving future encouragement to the Confederate States" By...[the thirteenth] amendment, not only the slaves of the disloyal, but of the loyal also, were free...18th of December, 1865," [Morrill, C.J.] Latimer, J., concurred: Hamilton and Caldwell, JJ., dissented.

The above account, submitted by Shirletha H. Boxx, is written in the archaic language of the 1860's, and is hard to follow. It is important to read, however, because it demonstrates the attitudes that prevailed at the time. Notice how all reference to President Lincoln is in lower case letters, and indeed...his name is never mentioned, but only his position. They have referred to the President's position as the "declared will of that belligerent power"; and they refer to freeing the slaves as an "unparalleled war measure". The tone is scornful and self-serving. This was the attitude of the majority in those days. Unbelievable?...not really. Unfortunately there are still some people around that have similar sentiments.-Ed.-





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The day after my return from Agua Dulce, at six o'clock in the morning, I was awakened by a loud pounding on my hotel door.

"Go away," I said. "I won't be leaving until tomorrow."

I heard the manager's voice.

"Open up! This is the police."

I could not argue with that. I opened the door a crack and a well-dressed man was waiting. Lima is a torrid town. I was staying in a cheap hotel without air-conditioning and I was sleeping in the raw.

"Wait until I put on my pants."

"Never mind, it will only take a minute."

He pushed his way in, closed the door and introduced himself.

"I am from the Immigration Office and I would like to see your passport."

At six o'clock in the morning I am groggy. Therefore I had no idea what was going on. I wanted to go back to sleep. I opened my suitcase and showed him my passport.

He looked at it and kept it in his left hand.

"Do you have enough money for your stay in Peru?"

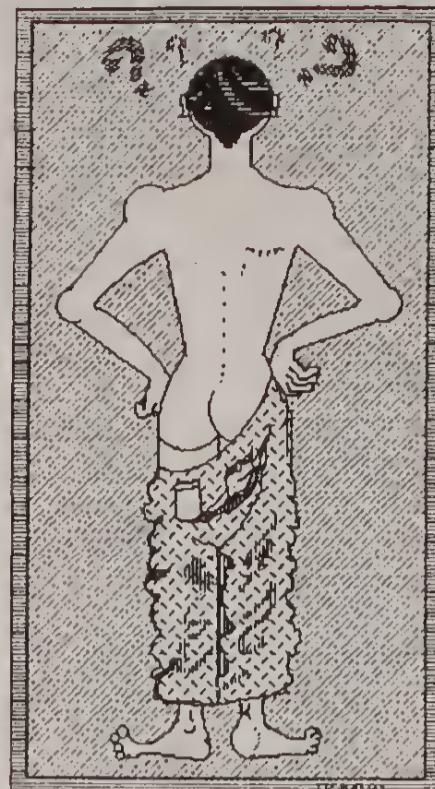
I brought out a stack of Travelers' Checks.

"May I count them?"

He counted them and gave them back to me.

"Do you have any American dollars?"

I had over a hundred in my money belt for emergencies but, somehow, I decided not to tell him.



"Do you have any local money?"

I opened my wallet, which contained about thirteen thousand soles. (Don't panic. It's only one hundred dollars.)

"May I count it?"

Like a jackass, I handed it to him. The minute he had the money and my passport in his hands, he opened the door and hollered, "Senora, wait!" and took off.

That's when I woke up and knew I had been taken. I reached for my trousers, put them on and bolted after him. He was nowhere to be seen.

I found the manager.

"Where is the man?"

"You mean the detective? He is around somewhere. Don't worry, he is all right."

"All right, my foot. He just took my money."

It turned out the man was an imposter. As the manager told it, early in the morning he got a phone call, presumably from the Immigration Office, inquiring if he had any foreigner staying at his place. The manager said he had one and the voice told him a man would be over to investigate. The deepest cut was to my pride and I was kicking myself for being so utterly stupid.

My only excuse was that I had literally been caught with my pants down.



TOWERS TAKEN OVER BY HUD

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live there, but they are often afraid to walk the halls or enter the public areas of the building.

Elevators often break down, sometimes filling with water from plumbing woes. Management has accused some tenants of doing such things as "flushing blue jeans down the toilets".

Fires have been set in elevators. From afar, smoke smudges around the windows show which apartments have burned lately. Violence is a daily occurrence. Just last weekend, a man was shot while attacking someone with a knife. Many tenants have been reluctant to criticize the former management for fear of losing their apartments, but most of us know how terrible life has become for good families who reside in the Towers.

As to whether this change in management will be for the better, only time will tell. If HUD

is interested in tenant management, and is willing to let the resident families have a hand in the setting and carrying out of fair policies in regard to new tenant screening and the day to day management of the building; we could all witness a rebirth at the Towers. If the tenants feel some ownership in the building, they will take more pride in their surroundings, but they need the power to change things, and only HUD can bestow that. We wish the best to the tenants of Geneva Towers...we support your efforts.

PARK NEIGHBORS PROVIDE SHINING EXAMPLE

One year ago, neighbors who lived near the Fifth Avenue pedestrian entrance to Golden Gate Park came together for the 1st Annual Spring Clean at the Park. They were concerned about the trashy condition of that area of the Park and, aware that City services had deteriorated due to lack of funds, they decided to take matters into their own hands.

This was not a one-time event. Realizing that a single cleanup wouldn't last long, they formed an ongoing group (Inner Sunset Park Neighbors) that vowed not only to hold an annual cleanup, but to sponsor monthly discussions regarding such issues as tree planting, graffiti removal, earthquake preparedness, etc. They have even adopted a 3-year

plan for their Park area, detailing how the area can be improved and beautified, little by little, with neighbors and Park gardeners working together.

The Inner Sunset Park Neigh-

bors is a good example of how neighbors can take action themselves, and pull together others (Rec-Park, Scavenger Co., Merchants, etc.) to do a job that none of the others can do alone. The members of ISPNC hope that

other neighborhoods pick up on this idea too. As a volunteer neighborhood group, you can make a difference and have a good time while you're at it! How about "Little Vis Playground"?

金門公園街坊
做出榜樣

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的活動。他們
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不僅為年打掃公園
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御地表等議題。
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計劃保持園區的
美。日落區街坊
的人們為我們做

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PINARANDALAN

Hunyo 1991, SANGANG
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Si GINANG FAYE ANDERSON, isa sa mga gurung Bisitasion, sa gawang 55 Schwerin, ay pinarangalan ng pamahalang lungsod ng San Francisco, sa ilalim ng pamamatnugut nig Arturo Agnos, alkalde.

Kaanib sa gawaing nabanggit ay ang malawak at makapangyarihang "San Francisco Unified School District" (SFUSD), at si Kathleen Sullivan Alioto. Ang nasabing parangal ay tinawag na "Teachers' Week."

Masigla ang palatuntunang ginanap sa Louise Davies Symphony Hall. Nagtalumpati sina Alkalde Agnos, Ramon Cortines ng SFUSD, Binibining Joan Shelley ng United Educators, at iba pa.

Banggit ni Agnos, "Tutuo nga na ako'y humingi ng payo kay Ginoong Cortines ukol sa panukalang ako'y haharap sa halalang para alkalde ng San Francisco." Sangayon kay Agnos nagatnong siya kay Cortines kung nararadapit siyang magingalkalde sa kabilang siya'y isang magulang na inahasang alisin ang kanyang dalawang anak sa paralang Sacramento at ilpatsa paaralang San Francisco, sakaling siya'y magtagumpay sa halanan.

Halatang naglalangis si Agnossa mga guru, lalong lalo na yaong mga tiga SFUSD. Wika niya, "Pinagaralan ko ng masinsinan ang bagay na kungsakalingako'y humarap sa halalang pagka alkalde at manalo. Karapat-dapat bang ilipat ang dalawang anak kong sina Kristoper at Eseban sa paaralang San Francisco. Lumitaw na ako'y hinda nagkamali sa paghabol kong alkalde. Nakinabang ang aking mga anak sa biyayang handog ng mga paaralang San Francisco at ng mga guru."

Ang "Linggo ng mga Guru" o "Teachers' Week" noong ika anim ng Mayo'y ikalawang pagdiriwang na ginanap sa San Francisco buhat noong Hunyo 1990. Ang naghandog ng nasabing parangal noon ay halos sila ring nagtaguyod at nagsimulan noong ika anim ng Mayo. Si Ginang Kathleen Sullivan Alioto, asawang naging alkalde Joseph Alioto, ama, ay nagsalita sa harap ng maraming guru mga kasaki at tagamasid.

Bali pa, noong tinawag si Ginang Alioto upang magbigay ng ilang pananalita, pinuri siya si Agnos nangbigkasing, "Maligaya't nag-

papasalamat ako kay Alkalde Agnos sa kanyang pagtangkilik sa gawaing ito," at pabiro niyang sinabi, "kahit na noong kapanahunan ng pinakamagalang na alkalde ng San Francisco, na walang iba kundi si Joseph Alioto, ama, hindi natin naranas ang ganitong pagdiriwang."

Tumindig di't natalumpati sina Kapitid Glenn Ann McPhee, pinuno ng paaralang "Archdiocese of San Francisco," Joan Shelley ng "United Educators," si Joan Winters Dinner, at si Donald Doyle, pangulong "American Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco."

Kalunusnus, at ito'y napansin ng maraming tagamasid at dalo sa parangal sa Davies Symphony Hall, na ang pagdiriwang/pandangal ay ginawa sa kalagitanhang alingasngas sa mga paaralan, na bunga ng panukala ni Gobernador Pedro Wilson. Kaya nga sinabi ni Binibining Shelley sa kanyang talumpati, "Hindi ba kapansingpansing na tayo'y nagdiriwang at nagbibigasy parangal sa gitna ng bantang itiwalag ang mga guru sa kanilang kabuhayan?"

Namayani si Bb Shelley kay Ginoong Wilson na dapat tulungan ang mga paaralan sa paglutas ng kanilang suliraning salapi. Sagawing ito'y tumayo't pumalakpak ang mga tao sa bulwagang Louise Davies Symphony Hall. Pinalakpakan din ang iba pang nagtalumpati, pati na si Cortines.

Kinausap ng inyong tagaulat ilan sa mga pinarangalan ng mga guru, pagkatapos ng pagdiriwang, at ang isa nito'y si Ginang Faye Anderson ng Paaralang Bisitasion (may apat na Pilipinong/Amerikano na kasali sa 255 gurung pinarangalan, at ito'y sina Brigida Custodia ng "Filipino Education Center", Nimfa Rodeheaver ng "Newcomer High School", Elena Mariano ng "Sheridan Elementary School", atsi Alicia Zamales ng "Corpus Christi Elementary School".

Sa aming palagay, si Ginang Anderson ay higit na kilala't tangkilikin ng tiga Bisitasion.

Si Ginang Anderson ay nag-simulang nagturo noong Septiembre, sang libo pitung pu (1970). San Bisitasion siya laging nagukol panaho't braso. Asawa niya si Ginoong Edwardo Anderson, mangagamot ng pagaaral, na siyang patnugot ng taginit na lupong kawani sa mga paaralan.

Mayroon silang apat na anak. Sila'y nakatira sa Lungsod ng Daly.

TEACHERS' WEEK

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Educators. It has been an activity in which Mrs. Alioto, a former school board member in Boston, has sought and meant to emphasize the contribution, sacrifices, and dedication to duty of educators.

Rightly so, when she was called on to say a few words on stage the last time around, she took occasion to commend Agnos for his willingness "to take part in the program of recognizing the teachers." In a serious vein, she said, "We are happy and thankful to Mayor Agnos for lending his support to this worthwhile undertaking." And in a jocular vein, she continued, "Even during the time of the best Mayor that San Francisco has ever had, which is none other than Mayor Joseph Alioto, Sr., we didn't witness this kind of activity."

The other speakers at the certificates awarding at the Louise Davies Symphony Hall were Sister Glenn Ann McPhee, O.P., Archdiocese of San Francisco Superintendent of Schools; Joan Marie Shelley, President of the United Educators of San Francisco; Joan Winters Dinner and Donald Doyle, President of the American Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco.

The May 6, 1991 Teachers Week celebration came at a time when public schools in California were subjected to an extremely severe siege from the Governor's Office and other elements in the community. In the words of United Educators President Shelley: "Isn't it an irony that teachers are honored at this time when they are threatened with mass layoff?"

Shelley sounded an appeal to Governor Pete Wilson to help the schools solve their financial problems, as she urged the school authorities to withhold layoff processes.

Ms. Shelley, daughter of former Mayor Thomas Shelley, was given a standing ovation for her impassioned speech. The others, not excluding SFUSD Superintendent Ramon Cortines, were applauded just as well, minus the standing ovation.

Your reporter had the opportunity to interview some of the "honored teachers" and one of them was Visitacion Valley Elementary School's Faye Anderson. There were at least four Filipino-American SFUSD teachers whom this writer talked to after the ceremonies as they too were included in the list. They were Brigida Custodia of the Filipino Education Center, Nimfa Rodeheaver of the Newcomer High School, Elena Mariano of Sheridan Elementary School and Alicia Zambales of Corpus Christi Elementary School.

Certainly, only Mrs. Anderson would be of much interest to Grapevine readers living at the Visitacion Valley.

Handling grades one to eight most of her career, Mrs. Anderson has been a teacher since September 1970, assigned mostly at the Visitacion Valley Elementary School. She is married to Dr. Edward Anderson, Director of SFUSD's summer and special classes.

The Andersons have four children. They live in Daly City, some seven miles south of San Francisco.

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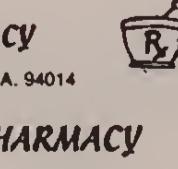
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THE GRADUATES

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ful songs. The Executive Director of Booker T. Washington Community Service Center, Rev. Timothy Dupree congratulated the graduates, presenting their diplomas and a special award of \$100 to each student that had passed the final exam with a score of 100% (there were

TIME

Time flies, my dear
And shoots like
a meteor in the sky;
In its wake
The evanescent glare...
And then the darkness.
The soul records it
As a flaming picture
in one's memoria
And around it
The golden aura of love
In life's distresses.
- Maria Canoy

7). He remarked proudly that the lowest score on the exam was 85%.

The graduates, trained in peer counseling as part of their program, presented special awards of \$150 each to seven youth who had been students in the groups that they had led as part of their own training. Seven young people were so honored.

Rev. Dupree gave plaques of appreciation and monetary tokens to those San Francisco Agencies that had assisted Booker T. in assuring the success of their program, as well as to Dr. Wayne Clark and Ms. Martha Henderson of the Community Substance Abuse Services of the S. F. Department of Public Health. Mr. Jeffrey Allan Gross and Mr. Thomas Lawlor were recognized as the teachers of the graduating class, and as exemplary employees of the Center.

We here at VVCC are extremely proud of our graduate, Kim Mitchel, as well as his colleagues, Shirletha Holmes-Boxx and William Shannon. All three are doing a great job in the community, working with at-risk youngsters to help them break out of the enslavement of the violence that surrounds them each day. Their presence in our Valley is greatly appreciated and their spirit is uplifting to us all.

REACH FOR THE STARS WITH BRENDA HAYNES

Brenda worked so well with the children in the Visitacion Valley Childcare Program that we all thought she had found her ideal job. But "B" had a dream of her own. She watched three different counselors come and go in VVCC's Youth Employment Program, and each time said "I could do that!...here I stand". After the third counselor had decided to move to another state, Brenda asked to apply for the job.

When you ask her who inspired her in her life, she proudly says, "my mother...She told me that if you want something and believe

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WINS AWARD

by Ayanda Carmichael

The O.M.I. Pilgrim Center is happy to announce that its Executive Director, Larry Ukali Johnson-Reed has been named recently as one of the Ten Most Outstanding Young San Franciscans for 1991 by the San Francisco Junior Chamber of Commerce. The honor and a plaque were presented on Saturday April 27, 1991 during a \$100 a plate dinner at the Hotel Meridien.

you can do it; then you try." Well, "B" wanted to do something for the youth of the Valley...very much. So, she competed against all the others who interviewed for the counselor position, and won in a big way. There was no question after that interview: this was her job. In just a few short weeks, she has made it her own.

Brenda believes that the Program can work well when the counselor and the youth work together as a team. She wants to

VISITACION VALLEY ELEMENTARY



TEACHERS' APPRECIATION WEEK: MAY 9, 1991

Visitacion Valley Elementary School P.T.A. honored all Teachers, Staff and School Volunteers with flowers, desserts and certificates.



FARM DAY AT VISITACION VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUND

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involve the youth in her search for ideas to make the Program run smoother than it ran last year with all the changes it went through.

Teamwork has played a big part in Brenda's life. She is one of seven brothers and sisters, and the daughter of Lillie and Joe Wright. She and her husband Donald have five of their own: Lonnell (12), Rondell (9), Tierra (6), Donald (4), and Shakara (10 months old...and walking!). Brenda came from East Palo

Alto. She and her family live right here in the Valley, and her Tierra and Donald attend the Childcare Programs at VVCC.

We know for sure that any of the youth lucky enough to qualify for the Summer Job Program are in for a pleasant summer, a well supervised work experience and some real uplifting inspiration to help launch their futures. There are still just a few slots left in the Summer Job Program. You can apply by calling Brenda Haynes at 467-6400 TODAY.

奧 Brenda Haynes
共同努力

Brenda 以前在訪
各社區中心幼稚
園工作。她工作得
那樣出色人們都
認爲她已找到
理想的事業。但
她仍舊有心中的目
標。當她見到三
位"青年就業"顧
問相繼离去之後
就決定申請造一

空缺。當問到她
是誰鼓勵她
這樣做時她回
答說:"是我的
母親。她對我
講如果相信自己
可以做到就要
努力嘗試。" Brenda
想為社區青年做出
自己的貢獻。她果
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Brenda 認為只要
傾聽與青年共同努力
她就會有成績。
"共同努力"是 Brenda
生活的一部份。她自
己有六個兄弟姊妹
並與丈夫育有五個
兒女。Lonnell 12歲,
Rondell 9歲, Tierra
6歲, Donald 4歲
Shakara 十個月。
她全家居住在谷

谷區。
我們相信所有符
合要求的青年
暑期工都會有一個
愉快的暑期。
此項工作會對青年們的前
途有所幫助。
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The Puzzler...

by Anne Kaartunen

JUNE . . . NOTABLE DATES

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JUNE . . . NOTABLE DATES

JUNE NATIONAL RECYCLING MONTH
FLAG WEEK (6/9-6/15)
SENIOR CITIZEN DAY (6/9)
JOE MONTANA (6/11/56)
CHILDREN'S (DAY 6/12)
FATHER'S (DAY 6/16)
ROQUEFORT CHEESE (DISCOVERED
6/4/1070)
SUMMER (6/21)
FUN
VACATION

18 words . . . up . . . down . . . diagonal . . .
across . . .

CONGRATULATIONS...

to the winners of the Visitacion Valley Arts Festival, held at the 7th Annual Visitacion Valley Fair.

First place winners were Alma Taylor for "Lemons"; Ida Doninelli for "Small Things"; Leonora Jordan for "Victorian House"; Alejandra Fuentes for "Portrait"; Frank Taylor for "Yosemite Valley" and Silvia Vargas for "Rowing the Row-boat of Life".

Second place winners were Mary Gradishar for "Easter Time"; Jayne Foster for "Birds of Paradise"; Helen Doung for "Innuendo" and Ida Doninelli for "Explosion".

Third place honors went to Toni Longa for "Gold Filigree"; Emma Ho for "Flower Pot Set"; Toni Longa for "Pansies" and Frank McNaughton for "Red Swamp Lillies".

Awards were presented at a reception for the artists, attended by 70 members of family and friends of the artists.



"Explosion"
by Ida Doninelli



"Red Swamp Lillies"
by Frank McNaughton

This Month in S.F. History

June 1: In 1850, the San Francisco Herald, started by Foy, Nugent & Co., became the City's second successful daily newspaper, entering the competition with the already established Alta California. In 1851, San Francisco's first organized transit service was established with horse-drawn omnibusses operating from the California Exchange to Mission Dolores. In 1878, American Speaking Telephone Company issued the City's first telephone books.

June 2: In 1873, construction commenced on Nob Hill for the Clay Street Railroad, the world's first cable railroad.

June 3: In 1913, Mayor James Rolph operated the last horse-drawn streetcar up Market Street from the Ferry Building to 8th Street.

June 4: In 1932, Sigmund Stern Grove, adjacent to the City's Parkside District, was officially dedicated.

June 5: In 1875, the Pacific Stock Exchange first opened.

June 7: In 1860, contractors began laying the first streetcar tracks on Market Street.

June 14: In 1850, a defective chimney at the Sacramento Bakery started an 8:00 a.m. fire, which burned out of control and caused \$5 million in damages.

June 15: In 1857, San Francisco Water Works, the City's first water company was established.

June 22: In 1851, yet another fire started at 11:00 a.m. in a residence at Pacific and Powell Streets, causing \$3 million in damages.

June 23: In 1924, Lt. Russell Maughan landed his plane at Crissy Field in the Presidio, completing the nation's first continental dawn-to-dusk flight.

June 26: In 1945, the two month long United Nations Conference at the City's Civic Center came to an end.

June 29: In 1776, a mass celebrating the feast of Saints Peter and Paul was said by Father Francisco Palou on the site of the future Mission Dolores. Father Palou traveled up the peninsula with a large group of settlers, and was awaiting the Spanish supply ship San Carlos, travelling northward with provisions for the newly designated Presidio.



"Small Things"
by Ida Doninelli



"Victorian House"
by Leonora Jordan



"Portrait"
by Alejandra Fuentes

All the works exhibited were spectacular. Judging was a difficult task. Sincere thanks go to Kit Cameron of Gallery

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May 29 - September 14: ELECTRONIC COMIX & COMPUTER ART exhibit at the Cartoon Art Museum, 665 Third Street. 546-9481

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June 5: FREE CONCERT of Symphony Music to appeal to children. From 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park. Children and adults admitted free. 666-7101.

June 6: YOUTH BASEBALL ROSTERS ARE DUE by 5:00 p.m. Bring or mail to San Francisco Recreation & Park Department Athletic Office, Kezar Pavilion, Stanyan & Waller Streets, San Francisco, Ca. 94117 (entrance at rear of building). 753-7029.

June 7: PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION free concert by Johnny Rojo and his Family Band, Justin Herman Plaza, Market & Steuart Sts. 1:30 p.m.. 665-5763.

June 8: Learn to PAINT ON SILK using exotic wax resist method. All ages. Fee \$4. Randall Museum, 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. 554-9600.

June 8 & 9: SAN FRANCISCO CITY CHORUS free concerts of modern and historical religious music. Mission Dolores, Dolores & 17th Streets, on Saturday, June 8 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday June 9 at 5:00 p.m. 666-7107.

June 9: RECREATION & PARK ACTIVITIES FESTIVAL at Stern Grove features



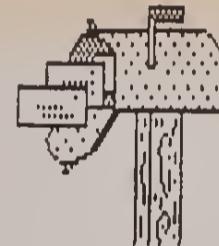
June, 1991 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES



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2 1:00 VVCC BINGO	3 TIENAMEN SQUARE MASSACRE 1989	4	5 R.I.P. ROBERT KENNEDY 1968 * WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY	6 11:30 VVCC'S SENIOR COUNC 66 RAYMOND * ROSES - POTRERO PCR 900 MINN. ST 7:00 PM	7 7:00PM VISITACION VALLEY ASIAN RESIDENTS ASSN 66 RAYMOND	8 QUEEN OF ENGLAND'S BIRTHDAY
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16 FATHERS DAY * 1:00 VVCC BINGO * SOWETO DAY	17	18 FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE SALLY RIDE 1983	19	20	21 SUMMER SOLSTICE 4:19 PM	22 9:30 AM VVCC BOARD MEETING
23 1:00 VVCC BINGO * MIDSUMMER'S EVE	24	25	26	27 FULL MOON	28	29
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June 10 - 14th: SOFTBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted at Kezar Pavilion, Stanyan & Waller Sts. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. 753-7023 for info.

June 13: Rosters due for SUMMER NEIGHBORHOOD BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT for San Franciscans up to the age of 18. Call 753-7029.

June 15: LEARN ABOUT LAPIDARY with the Galileo Gem Guild. See how to turn Mother Nature's stones into beautiful jewelry at Randall Museum, 1:00 p.m. at 199 Museum Way, off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights. Ages 9 and over. Fee \$3. 554-9600.

June 16: HAPPY FATHERS' DAY.

CITY COLLEGE HONORS MORE THAN 1,000 STUDENTS

City College of San Francisco honored 1,339 students at the Chancellor's Award Ceremony on Thursday May 9, 1991. One hundred twenty five students received scholarships to help them with their education.

Scholarships were provided by such organizations as: Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Golden Gate University, Filipino Professionals' and Businessmen's Association, Chevron Corporation and the Stonestown Galleria Award for Guitar.

In addition, 1,214 students were

placed on the Dean's Honor List. These are students who completed 12 units of college credit with a grade point average of 3.0 (B) or higher.

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees I want to congratulate you on this tremendous accomplishment because you make us and City College very proud," said Mabel Teng, President of the Board of Trustees for City College of San Francisco.

Chancellor Evan Dobelle congratulated the students and their

families and said: "There is nothing more exciting to us in education than to honor those students who are doing well. You have rewarded us all by demonstrating that commitment and diligence are the keys to success."

Musical entertainment was provided by City College music students. Following the award ceremony a reception, sponsored by the Associated Students and the Hotel and Restaurant Department, was held for the students, their guest, faculty, staff and administration.

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VACATION VIDEO magazine is published by KQED San Francisco as both a 40 page local edition for the Bay Area and a 32 page national edition. This summer, over 150,000 copies of KQED's edition of VACATION VIDEO magazine will be available free through public libraries and at the KQED/VACATION VIDEO FAIR at the Hilltop Shopping Center Saturday, June 8th, in Richmond.

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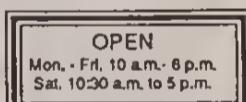
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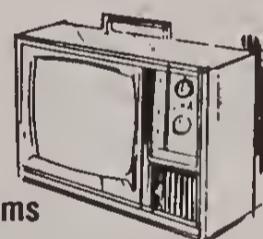
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